

2010 Governor's Choice Awards for Economic Development

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Governor's Choice Awards for Economic Development. Sponsored by the North Dakota Department of Commerce, the five awards recognize outstanding economic development leaders and projects that are changing the face of business within the state.

AWARD CRITERIA

- Nominations are due by Monday, Oct. 18.
- Nominations are taken in five categories (see next page for category descriptions):
 - Professional Developer of the Year
 - Volunteer Developer of the Year
 - Ambassador of the Year
 - Innovator of the Year
 - Project of the Year

- Information presented in this application must represent activities or projects taking place between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2010.

- Nomination forms can be mailed or emailed to:
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AWARDS BANQUET: Dec. 7, 2010

Awards will be presented during the Governor's Choice for Economic Development Awards Banquet held the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010 in conjunction with the Economic Development Association of North Dakota's fall meeting at the Seven Seas Hotel in Mandan.

All nominees and nominators will receive an invitation to the banquet and will be recognized at the event.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Scoring is based on four criteria with a total of 250 points.

- **Scope of Project(s)** – 100 points: The size, impact and importance of the nominated individual or project.
- **Success of Project(s)** – 100 points: The successes, such as adding to the economic base, attracting workforce, etc., of the nominated individual or project.
- **Primary Sector** – 25 points: The relevance of the nominated individual or project to the primary sector.
- **Impact** – 25 points: The impact of the nominated individual or project to those individuals impacted or the area served.



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AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

- **Professional Developer of the Year**

Nominees for this award have made significant contributions or achieved significant “wins” in the designated time frame that will leave a lasting impact on the economic health of their communities, thus increasing the quality of life for residents.

- **Volunteer Developer of the Year**

Nominees for this award do not hold a paid economic development position but have donated countless hours in the designated time frame to improve and/or enhance the economic growth within their communities.

- **Ambassador of the Year**

Nominees for this award have diligently and successfully assisted in building a global business network for North Dakota's future through their advocacy of the state. Nominees must be a North Dakota Ambassador (visit www.ExperienceND.com).

- **Innovator of the Year**

Nominees for this award have used their innovative ideas to bring successful economic development opportunities to one or more North Dakota communities.

- **Project of the Year**

Nominees for this award are primary sector** projects that have made a significant contribution to the economic health of their communities (large or small) in terms of job creation, partnerships and overall economic impact. The projects must have been publicly announced with a complete financial package.

**Primary sector is defined as an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership or association through which the employment of knowledge or labor adds value to a product, process or service that results in the creation of new wealth. This most often includes manufacturing, food processing and information technology businesses and usually excludes retail establishments.

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name and Title:

Organization or Company Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

NOMINATED BY

Name and Title:

Organization or Company Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/ASSOCIATION TO RECEIVE THE \$1,000 GRANT:**

Corporation/Association:

Contact Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

** Each winner will be presented with a \$1,000 check to be given to the economic development corporation or association that he/she is most closely associated with.

CATEGORY

I nominate this individual (company) for the following Governor's Choice Award:

- ☐ Professional Developer of the Year
- ☐ Volunteer Developer of the Year
- ☐ Ambassador of the Year
- ☐ Innovator of the Year
- ☐ Project of the Year



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INDIVIDUAL/PROJECT INFORMATION

1. If it is a project, briefly describe the scope of the project (i.e., impact to community, number of jobs, new square footage, capital investment, average annual wage range, level of commitment to community from company executives, etc.).

2. List what industries the above activities represent.

3. List any business start-ups, expansions or recruitments this individual was involved with in the designated time frame in his or her community or area. Indicate (S) for start-up, (E) for expansion or (R) for recruitment. Please provide supporting information to demonstrate the individual's involvement. If an Ambassador nominee, describe the project or activity the Ambassador generated.

4. Briefly describe why you believe this individual or project is worthy of the Governor's Choice Award.

5. Population of area served or where located:



PAST AWARD WINNERS

Professional Developer of the Year

- 2008 – Tracey Anderson, Richland County Jobs Development Authority
- 2007 – Becky Meidinger, Cooperstown Community Development Authority
- 2006 – Gene Veeder, McKenzie County Job Development Authority
- 2005 – Connie Ova, Jamestown Stutsman Development Corporation
- 2004 – Gaylon Baker, Stark Development Corporation
- 2003 – Carol Goodman, JoAnn Rodenbiker, Jim Dahlen & George Youngerman, Devils Lake Region Partnership
- 2002 – John Phillips, Beulah Job Development Authority

Volunteer Developer of the Year

- 2008 – Joe Frenzel, Stark Development Corporation, and Curt Zimbelman, Minot Area Development Corporation
- 2007 – Judy Paukert, Xcel Energy
- 2006 – Randy Hauck, Verendrye Electric
- 2005 – Kathleen Gaddie, Minot Area Development Corporation Chair
- 2004 – No nominees
- 2003 – Community of Rugby
- 2002 – Citizens of Forman

Ambassador of the Year (started in 2004)

- 2008 – Ed Schafer, United States Secretary of Agriculture

- 2007 – No nominees
- 2006 – Hal Gershman, Happy Harry's Bottle Shops, Road King Inn and Gershman Enterprises
- 2005 – Mark Nisbet, Xcel Energy
- 2004 – Martin White, MDU Resources Group

Innovator of the Year (new award in 2006)

- 2008 – Bruce Gjovig, UND Center for Innovation
- 2007 – Dave Lynnes, Dave's Welding and Metal Fabrication, Inc.
- 2006 – Al Christianson, Great River Energy

Project of the Year

- 2008 – ComDel Innovations, Inc., Wahpeton
- 2007 – Red Trail Energy, Richardton
- 2006 – Blue Flint Ethanol, Underwood/Washburn
- 2005 – Cirrus Design Corporation, Grand Forks
- 2004 – Goodrich Cargo Systems, Jamestown
- 2003 – Grizella Corp., Hebron
- 2002 – Imation Corp., Wahpeton

Visionary of the Year

- 2006 – Elaine Fremling, Fargo
- 2005 – Lee Peterson, First Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Commerce
- 2003 – NDSU Research Technology Park, Fargo